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TAGS: ASEC, PINS, AR

SUBJECT: DIRECTED ASSASSINATIONS BY TUPAMAROS

1. ON AUGUST 5, A RESPONSIBLE VICE PRESIDENT OF A U.S. BUSINESS FIRM, ADVISED THE RSO OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS MESSAGE. HE DECLINED TO IDENTIFY HIS SOURCE OF INFORMATION BUT STATED THAT HE HAD FOUND THE SOURCE TO BE USUALLY RELIABLE IN THE PAST.

2. THE TUPAMAROS IN ARGENTINA, ON APPROXIMATELY JULY 1, 1976 RECEIVED A DIRECTIVE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE (UNIDENTIFIED). THIS DIRECTIVE WAS PASSED TO THE TUPAMAROS THROUGH LISBON. THE DIRECTIVE PASSED ON INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN URUGUAYANS. A LIST OF 21 NAMES WAS PROVIDED, WHICH WAS HEADED BY THE FOLLOWING THREE INDIVIDUALS IN SEQUENCE:

- (A) JORGE BATLLE
- (B) CHOCHO ETCHGERRIA LA HUERDA
- (C) GITALDI - FUTBOL ASSOCIATION

(SPELLINGS OF (B) AND (C) POSSIBLY INCORRECT.) THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSASSINATIONS IS TO FORCE WORLDWIDE ATTENTION UPON THE TERRORIST MOVEMENT IN URUGUAY. THE DIRECTING TERRORIST  
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HEADQUARTERS EXPLAINED THAT SUCH WAS NECESSARY SINCE THE TUPAMAROS

HAVE PRODUCED NO MAJOR INCIDENTS SINCE THEIR SUPPRESSION.

3. THE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED TO  
FOREIGN NATIONALS INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOA.  
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